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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Office Action made final dated June 20, 2006 finally rejecting claims 1 to 9. Applicants believe that claims 1 to 9 should be allowed, and respectfully make this appeal of the Examiner's rejections of those claims.

This is also a Request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) by which Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action made final so that the response time is extended from September 20, 2006 to December 20, 2006.

Applicants are filing herewith a Response in the present application for consideration by the Patent Office.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee, which is believed to be \$500.00, and the 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) two-month extension fee, which is believed to be \$1020, to the deposit account number 11–0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP. The Commissioner is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees, including any additional Rule 136(a) extension fees, or credit any excess fees to deposit account number 11–0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP. Two duplicate copies of this paper are enclosed for those purposes.

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